

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 1, 2002**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (10) District Advisory Board Members, (10) City staff members and (7) citizens.

Members Present

John Van Walleghen
Linda Matney
Bickley Foster
Maurine Willis
Rosalie Bradley
K. Irvin
Bob Wine
Bob Schreck
David Pendergraft
John Cohoon

Guest(s)

listed at end

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Sharon Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests, as well as asking DAB members to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 7, 2002, were approved as submitted.

(Wine/Schreck 8-0)

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved with the amendment:

- *ZON2001 00069 would be deferred until April 17th DAB meeting.* **(Foster/Matney 8-0)**

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No items were submitted

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Officer Hungria, Patrol West: Thanks again to DAB VI contributions made for the baseball league. The first game is on Wednesday. Schedules would be made available soon. There has been sexual activity seen in Sims Park, and the Park Task Force and Riverside Citizens are

meeting to work on solving the problem. Also, vandalism on street signs in Riverside area is happening. The Paradise Club has had bar fights with females involved.

Officer Jacobs, Patrol North: A graffiti rundown with digital photos of all locations was done recently. Jacobs spoke with detectives to try to get some cases charged and is looking at doing a survey in the neighborhoods to see how the community perceives this problem. Jacobs would like to see area businesses do a "Graffiti Watch".

Member Matney asked when will the surveys be ready? Jacobs responded the procedure would have to follow Chain of Command.

Member Bradley asked how fast graffiti is being removed? Removal is taking around two weeks.

Council Member Fearey then thanked the officers for their reports.

PLANNING

1. **ZON2001-00069- Zone Change "SF-5" Single-Family Residential to "LI" Limited Industrial for asphalt oil storage. Generally located north of I-235 and east of Seneca.**

*****Action taken: Receive and make recommendation

*******DEFERRED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH**

PUBLIC WORKS

2. **North Arkansas Rehabilitation**

Stan Breitenbach, Public works staff presented the North Arkansas location between 38th and 45th streets to be the prime location for repairs. The 37th Street North maintenance repairs between Arkansas and the Little Arkansas River will be part of the project only if there are sufficient funds remaining after North Arkansas is completed.

The asphalt portion of North Arkansas between 38th and 45th streets has deteriorated beyond typical maintenance repairs. Repair plans are to remove the failed asphalt and underlying base material and replace with 6" of crushed rock topped with 5" of asphalt. Prior to asphalt replacement, curb and valley gutter repairs will be performed to improve drainage. The abandoned railroad tracks just south of 45th will be removed and new curb and gutter will be constructed in that area to provide better drainage. The tentative start date is around the first of June. Construction operations should last approximately 4 to 6 weeks after the work start.

One inquiry was if any rehabilitation would be done in the area from 21st to 29th Streets and North Arkansas Avenue. City staff responded that this summer, Nova chip would be used on the streets as an overlay until further enhancements were approved.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

BOARD AGENDA

3. **Sports Commission**

A Power Point presentation along with handouts was made to review the new Dynaplex concept. Also a brief overview of the Kansas Coliseum enhancements for American

Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The cost is \$10 million, and will add 2500 seats extension of the con concourse and additional restrooms.

Member Pendergraft arrived at 7:25 pm.

Questions and responses follow

- The dollar figures for this project, will they be the same price in three years from now? *Quotes are figured in on the high side.*
- Why give rebates to car buyers? Don't you think some people will go out of area to purchase vehicles? *The project was focusing on big purchases. Car buyers are big purchases. Possible we will lose votes because of this as car buyers could go elsewhere.*
- Abundance of parking already in the area for the proposed arena. How many spots are really available now?
- Will local contractors be used? *Yes*
- The number of construction jobs once this project ends, what happens to these people? *More construction to generate we hope.*
- Who will the Sports Authority report to? *City Council*
- Will it be run like the Airport Authority? *Not sure*

Council Member Fearey explained a lot of work had gone into this project. The Dynaplex would not take away events from the Coliseum. Hopefully they will compliment each other.

Member Matney asked if the vote does not go through and Sedgwick County agrees with the project to rehabilitate the Coliseum we the taxpayers will have to pay also for that?

Member Cohoon also stated if the Coliseum just expands wouldn't this lose lots of votes for the Dynaplex.

*****Action taken: Receive and file – very informative

Break at 8:05pm

Reconvene at 8:12pm

4. **Neighborhood Code Info**

The DAB Members were provided the information prior to the meeting.

Matt Jordan reviewed the program and explained the main features of the new proposal would be:

- Increase staff to enforce codes (include OCI, Environmental Health, Public works- Storm Water, Police and Fire personnel)
- Decrease nuisance

Kurt Schroeder, OCI mentioned two key benefits

- 1.) Increased emphasis on neighborhood standards
- 2.) More eyes and ears to address problems

Following are the comments made by DAB members with responses by Staff in *Italics*:

- ❖ Will these violations continue to be charged back to the property owner's taxes?
Yes.

- ❖ Will there be advertisement of the changes? *Yes. Broader effort "Don't Trash Wichita" More preventative steps for people to take care of it on their own.*
- ❖ This is a good accomplishment, as it takes too many days after we report problems to see any action taken
- ❖ Will you be presenting this to Landlords? *Yes, at April 11th? Tenant landlords meeting.*
- ❖ This is relevant to District VI
- ❖ I applaud the action the City is taking for improvement
- ❖ County is going in opposite direction. People moving stuff outside of City Limits, I applaud this is being done.
- ❖ What is the Police department's role? *Not redefining any role. To initiate a case. Respond more efficiently.*

*****Action taken: DAB members recommend to the governing body to support this *Neighborhood Nuisance Code Enforcement Program.*
(Matney/VanWalleghen 9-0)

5. **North Area Sanitary Sewer Service Plan**

Michael Carney, Wilson and Company, reviewed the goal of the study. It is to determine potential short and long-term solutions for providing sanitary sewer service to the north area. The north area is defined as the Rio Vista and Riverview neighborhoods (bounded generally by Meridian, Arkansas, 37th Street, and 63rd Street) and is in District 6. Carney explained the different types of sewer systems, gravity, vacuum and pressure. This would be the 1st stage of the project.

Member Willis asked if everyone was on septic tanks now? *Yes.*

Member Foster stated that the if the boundaries match to Valley Center? *No.*

Member Schreck stated the *Moorings* homes have pumps in basements because of lines being too high.

Member Pendergraft asked if these systems are being used in Wichita? *We use gravity free.*

Member Bradley compliments the Water department for looking at this study.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

6. **Adopt Park/Median**

The DAB Members were provided pertinent information prior to the meeting. Walt Bratton, park staff reviewed the programs and responded to inquiries.

Comments and Inquiries of Members and audience:

- ☐ Can this be a one time project
- ☐ Change the commitment of projects from 1-3 years to six months or one-year
- ☐ Incorporate the contracts Park/Median
- ☐ If a group adopts a park or median, will there be signage available naming the group that is cleaning the area, like KDOT
- ☐ Will their be liability provided for workers if injured
- ☐ The contract needs to read clearer
- ☐ Can groups choose to do only one or two items from the list; some feel that working with irrigation systems need to be done by the Park Department Staff

- ❑ Is there a decrease in City budget for Park Department staff and this is why you want groups to maintain parks and medians
- ❑ We are already paying taxes to maintain the parks

*****Action taken: DAB members request Council Member Fearey support this initiative in addition to the services currently being provided for maintaining all parks and medians and that this program be designated for enhancements.
(VanWalleghen/Matney 9-0)

7. **Neighborhood Matching Grants Program**

Staff reviewed with DAB members the program to fund projects for improving infrastructure or events that encourage citizen involvement.

Members requested the neighborhood assistant send a letter to the neighborhood association president's with a deadline for submitting the first round of applications. The deadline set for all applications to be submitted is June 3, 2002.

This will give the DAB an idea about how many interested applicants there may be.

The council member and neighborhood assistant will then review applications and have the applications for DAB review at the second meeting in June.

Member Van Walleghen asked if there would be a *Conflict of Interest* because some of the DAB members are neighborhood association presidents or officers. The neighborhood assistant will verify a response at the next meeting.

*****Action taken: Suggest 60 days for submittal of applications by June 3rd meeting to receive proposals at NCH. (Foster/Pendergraft 9-0)

8. **Problem Properties**

Graffiti:

On the 25th street bridge

At the 18th street Bridge

Meridian Gardens on the Blue Barrels at the North end of 3800 block Edwards,
hidden behind the fence

*****Action taken: Receive and follow up with appropriate departments

9. **Updates on Previous Issues**

- MAPC Bylaws –review
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan- Amendments Plan has been adopted
- 25th Street bridge plan has been approved and now onto the CIP.
- Discussion of Benjamin Hills Neighborhood traffic concerns: Benjamin Hills will need to review traffic concerns. Form a committee to work with Public Works. DAB needs to make recommendation to continue this process.

*****Action taken: Motion that Benjamin Hills neighborhood association and the public works department work on traffic concerns. (Bradley/Willis 8-1/VanWalleghen)

- Salvage yard at 10th and Mead - Owners found guilty
- CIP Review Committee- any interest? Will continue to review

*****Action taken: Receive and file

10. **Neighborhood Reports**

Historic Midtown: New co-chairs Janet Miller and Cathy Landwher. April 20th fundraiser for center.

Sherwood Glen: Rummage sale on April 27th at the law enforcement training center from 8-4pm and will include a bake sale and barbeque.

WIN: Job fairs Hobby Lobby: April 6th from noon –3pm

North High School: April 26th 6:30-9:30 pm

NE magnet: May 4th noon to 3pm

*****Action taken: Receive and file

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☐ 2002 Capital Improvement Program list- on review at Neighborhood City Hall
- ☐ OCI Neighborhood Inspection Year 2001 Annual Report for District 6 on review at Neighborhood City Hall
- ☐ Application for United Way Summer Volunteers
- ☐ “Save our Land, Save our Towns “ video on April 18th, 7 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.
- ☐ April 11th Botanica expansion presentation

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Wendell Turner	2623 Fairview
John and Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow
Jerry Prichard	1607 Clarence
Toni Timpy	1342 Arrowhead, 67203
Tony Rangel	1047 Coolidge, 67203

Staff

Stan Brietenbach	Public Works
Tony DeCicco	Public Works
Alex Dean	Police
Tricia Beck	Patrol West
Wendy Jacobs	Patrol North
Santiago Hungria	Patrol West
Nelson C. Mosley	Patrol West
Walt Bratton	Parks
Wanda Parker-Givens	Patrol North
Rob Younkin	Water